



## CITY OF ROCKY FORD – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 10, 2020

### **WORK SESSION: 6:30 p.m.**

Mayor Susan Jung, Councilmembers Jolly Rose, Rich Geist, Cuco Ruiz, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero, Sherri Cordova, City Manager Shannon Wallace and Public Works Director Rick Long met in Council Chambers. Brian Hillier and Mark Hillier gave Council information about the employee benefits 2021 renewal. Discussion was held. Brian Hillier and Mark Hillier recommended that Council renew with Cigna for year 2021.

### **REGULAR MEETING: 7:00 p.m.**

Rocky Ford City Council met in session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 in Council Chambers. Mayor Susan Jung called the meeting to order. Those present at roll call were:

Mayor: Susan Jung

Councilmembers: Rich Geist, Jolly Rose, Cuco Ruiz, Sherri Cordova, Peggy Sue Corbin-Romero

Staff: City Manager Shannon Wallace, Police Chief Angelo Griego, Public Works Director Rick Long and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Korinek

Others present: Marty Lee, Margarito Garcia and Maria Garcia. Janice Finell and Rachel Carter with Arkansas Valley Hospice

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Jung explained the Agenda and Consent Agenda to Council and audience. Councilmember Geist moved to approve the Agenda with the deletion of the Hancock Well, the Public Hearing regarding the Budget and the Non-Cigarette Ordinance; first reading and adding, under unfinished business, the Health Benefit Renewal and the Consent Agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova. Voting results were:

YES Ruiz, Cordova, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Jung

NO None

ABSENT Grasmick

Motion carried 6-0

Consent items approved were:

1. City Council meeting minutes from October 27, 2020
2. Liquor License Renewal for Loaf n Jug, 305 N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rocky Ford, CO
3. Hospice Proclamation

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Shannon Wallace sent her report by email to Council at an earlier date. In addition to that report as follows:

- Sam Light from the Colorado Municipal League has offered to come and give some Council training after the first of the year.
- J. C. Carrica was at the last Council meeting to give information on Tiny Homes. Shannon asked if Council agrees to refer him to the Rocky Ford Planning Commission.

- Shannon gave Council of the amount of the portion that the City pays for employee insurances.
- The Gobin Building was broken into and the fire extinguishers were sprayed everywhere.
- Shannon's performance review is due sometime before the end of year.

**STAFF REPORTS / MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Corbin-Romero reported that the Tree Board is going to have a cleanup work day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and they requested that the Public Work's Department give them some waste bags and requested that an ad be placed in the newspaper regarding the cleanup work day.

Councilmember Ruiz reported that the Library Board is still waiting to get quotes for the leak in the roof. The Library Board is not certain how the reading for Christmas will turn out, it all depends on the Covid-19 levels.

Public Works Director Rick Long gave Council information on a proposal for an ordinance on water meters. Many meter pits and sensors have been damaged due to negligence of the property owner or tenant. Rick Long reported that it costs the City approximately \$600 to repair or replace the MXU sensors.

Police Chief Angelo Griego gave Council a departmental report. He gave Council information regarding starting wages for police officers and other ways they are trying to get creative with scholarships and training incentives to attract officers.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Additional Marijuana Tax – Excise Tax***

City Manager Wallace reported that the petition initiative that was voter approved has a clause that the additional marijuana tax could be raised anywhere from 6% to 8%. The increase of 8% would add approximately another \$50,000 to the general fund. Councilmember Ruiz moved to raise the additional marijuana sales tax to 8% to be effective January 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| YES    | Cordova, Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Jung |
| NO     | None  |
| ABSENT | Grasmick  |

Motion carried 6-0

***Employee Benefits – Renewal***

Some discussion was held regarding the increase in costs of the benefit package. Councilmember Ruiz moved to renew the employee benefit package with Cigna and that the City of Rocky Ford pay for the monetary increase of the benefit package. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cordova seconded the motion. Voting results were:

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| YES    | Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Jung |
| NO     | None  |
| ABSENT | Grasmick  |

Motion carried 6-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

***2021 Budget – Final reading***

City Manager Wallace gave Council some final input on the budget. Some discussion was held. Councilmember Ruiz moved to approve the final reading of the 2021 budget. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Geist. Voting results were:

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|--------|---|
| YES    | Corbin-Romero, Geist, Rose, Ruiz, Cordova, Jung |
| NO     | None  |
| ABSENT | Grasmick  |

Motion carried 6-0

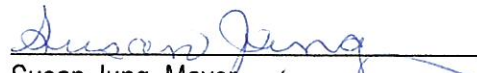
**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING OR WORK SESSION**


- Review City ordinances
- Review personnel policies
- Permits for Construction
- Crystal Lake
- Conduit

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Cordova moved to adjourn and there being no further business, Mayor Jung adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.



  
Susan Jung, Mayor

  
Rebecca Korinek, Deputy City Clerk